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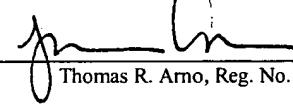
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 App. No. : 09/771,309
 Filed : January 26, 2001
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 FOR AIR CONDITIONER
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 Examiner : J. A. Morillo
 Art Unit : 1742

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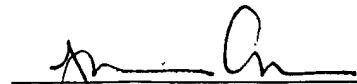
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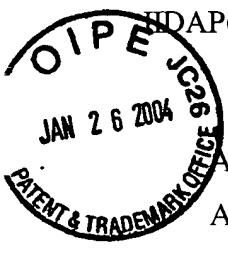
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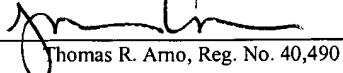
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In response top the Office Action dated October 24, 2003, Applicants respond as follows: